

Remarks

Claims 15, 17-19, and 21-25 were previously pending in the application. After entry of the response Claims 15, 17-19, and 21-25 will be pending. Reconsideration is respectfully requested based on the following remarks.

Claim Rejection 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 15, 17, 19, 21, and 23-25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Ouchi et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,320,691), herein referred to as “Ouchi”.

Of the above-referenced claims, Claims 15, 19, and 23 are independent. Accordingly, once allowability of these claims is established, all claims depending therefrom are likewise allowable.

Preliminarily, Applicants respectfully note that the Examiner addressed Applicants’ arguments in a response that was filed June 18, 2008, however, the most recent response filed by Applicants was done so on November 10, 2008.

Claim 15 has been amended to recite, “arranging the tape carrier packages along a common axis such that center lines of the tape carrier packages . . . are spaced apart from each other at respective first intervals; forming a plurality of the land groups on the printed circuit board . . . center lines of the land groups . . . being spaced apart from each other at respective second intervals . . . the respective second intervals are smaller than the respective first intervals” (emphasis added). **Claims 19 and 23** have been similarly amended.

In contrast to Applicant claimed subject matter, as indicated and shown by the Examiner on page 9 of the Office Action, the interval between center lines of the land groups of the TCPs is .5mm, while the interval between center lines of the land groups of the PCB is .5mm (see also Ouchi at column 8, lines 36-43). As such, Ouchi does not disclose,

teach, or otherwise suggest “the second intervals between center lines of the land groups are respectively smaller than the second intervals between center lines of the tape carrier packages” as recited in amended Claims 15, 19, and 23.

For at least this reason, Applicants respectfully submit independent Claims 15, 19, and 23, and all claims depending therefrom are patentable.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102(e).

Claim Rejections 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 15, 18, 19, 22, and 23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Admitted Prior Art, herein referred to as “APA”, in view of Ouchi.

Of the above-referenced claims, Claims 15, 19, and 23 are independent. Accordingly, once allowability of these claims is established, all claims depending therefrom are likewise allowable.

For at least the reasons set forth above in regard to Claims 15, 19, and 23, Applicants respectfully submit all claims depending therefrom are patentable.

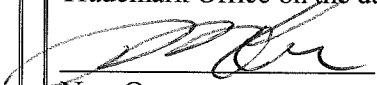
Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103(a).

Conclusion

In view of the remarks set forth above, it is submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance. Authorization is given to charge any fees due or credit any overpayments in regard to this communication to deposit account 50-2257. If the Examiner has any questions or concerns, a telephone call to the undersigned at (949) 752-7040 is welcomed and encouraged.

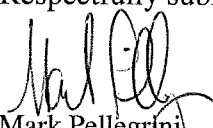
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